

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, my amendment strikes the Warner amendment that was adopted on January 14. Senator Warner's amendment removed one of the steps that is very necessary in the hauling of beets and other products. We need to haul from the field to the stockpile or storage, and we need to haul from the field to the factory and the market, and then we need to haul between the two. Senator Warner's amendment took out hauling from the stockpile to the factory. Well, now in the case of beets this guts the bill. When those beets are stockpiled, which they must be stockpiled, they freeze, they get heavy. If it gets too warm, they can get rotten. When the factories start running, and they start hauling those beets, they have to keep those beets on schedule to keep those factories going. They just have to do this. Now if you'll notice, we passed out to you a sheet that says the Department of Roads, on an overweight permit of 25 percent, will not have a significant effect on the life of bridges. I'm asking 15 percent, not 25. We passed out another sheet from the Department of Roads saying that if 10 percent of the trucks are overloaded for a 3 month period the effect is not significant. So, therefore, we are not going to do the damage that has been brought up on this floor. We just adopted an amendment that puts some tight controls on the issue, which is the 70 miles. Now to put some of the other concerns to rest, it will be four 30-day permits, 4 times a year, the roads to be used will be designated when the permit is issued by one of the following under whose jurisdiction that road falls, the Department of Roads, the State Highway Patrol, or the county board. And it says they may, in their discretion, issue a special permit. It does not say they shall or they will. So the roads they are going to use are going to be tightly controlled. The big effect of this bill is going to be in western Nebraska. You have a sheet, and some people will talk on that later. Now as far as hauling the other grains from the stockpile to the market, if someone has a bin of corn and it starts to spoil, it goes rotten, you have to move it right now or you could lose the entire bin of corn. So I think it is very, very important that we put the bill back in its original form, and therefore I ask you to adopt my amendment.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Warner.